## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please change the title at page 1, line 1, from "Novel Phthalamide

## **Derivatives**" to

## -- NOVEL PHTHALAMIDE DERIVATIVES --

Please insert the following at page 1, between the title and line 3:

-- The present patent application has been filed under 35 U.S.C. 371 as a national stage application of PCT/EP2003/006105, filed June 11, 2003, which was published in English as International Patent Publication WO 2004/000796 on December 31, 2003, which is entitled to the right of priority of Japanese Patent Application 2002-180028, filed June 20, 2002. --

Please replace page 20 with the following replacement page:

$$\begin{array}{c}
SO_2R^1 \\
O \\
A^1
\end{array}$$

$$A^2 \\
A^3$$
(XII)

wherein

R<sup>1</sup> has the same definition as aforementioned,

(a) A<sup>1</sup> and A<sup>4</sup> each represents oxygen atom,
 A<sup>2</sup> represents the group NH-R<sup>2</sup> and A<sup>3</sup> represents hydroxy,
 or

A<sup>2</sup> represents hydroxy and A<sup>3</sup> represents the group

$$R^3$$
 $R^5$ 
 $R^4$ 

or

A<sup>2</sup>, together with A<sup>3</sup>, represents a group selected from

$$R^3$$
 $R^5$ 
 $R^4$  and  $R^5$ 

or

(b) A<sup>1</sup> represents the group N-R<sup>2</sup>,
 A<sup>2</sup>, together with A<sup>3</sup>, represents the group



and

A<sup>4</sup> represents oxygen atom,

or

(c) A<sup>1</sup> represents oxygen atom,
 A<sup>2</sup>, together with A<sup>3</sup>, represents the group

